

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 17, 2020

City Hall Offices and the Library Closed

City Hall offices and the Library will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020. Staff will be reviewing documents and files for compliance with Public Records Retention Schedules and preparing materials no longer needed for disposal. It is essential to review the files and remove redundant and unnecessary materials that are using up valuable storage space.

Interior work on City Hall offices that will disrupt normal operations is also scheduled to occur on Monday.

Census Complete Count

The City Manager participated in a telephone conference call for the Local & Regional Government Subcommittee of the Governor's Oregon Complete Count Committee. The committee discussed preparations that are underway for the 2020 US Census. The Census will be here before we know it and a lot is at stake on the results of the census. Cottage Grove Census tracts had about a 20% no return rate and we would like to improve the rate of return. Oregon as a whole could receive a new Congressional seat this year. We will be making efforts to encourage response from everyone in the community.

Census Jobs

With the 2020 US Census just around the corner the US Census Bureau has a number of jobs available for members of the community to help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the 2020 Census. Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing field work. Census results are used to determine representation in Congress, and they help inform how billions of dollars are distributed for hospitals, schools, roads, and more. Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit for anyone looking to earn extra money. For more information visit uscensus.gov and follow the “jobs” link.

South Lane County Resource Guide

The 2020 South Lane County Resource Guide is now available. Copies of the printed Resource Guide will be provided to schools and organizations and be available at the Community Center. The online version is available on the City's Webpage on the City Departments or Community Resources menus. Contact Teresa Cowan or Jessica Klarr with any questions at: (541)942-1185 or email: comcenter@cottagegrove.org.

Managers meeting

The City Manager attended a meeting of the Lane County Regional Managers at the Lane Council of Governments building. The local government managers met and discussed preparations for the Census, transit service and also congratulated Ric Ingham, retiring City Administrator on his retirement and met the new Administrator Matt Michel.

Tree Removal

Today Full Circle Tree Service with the assistance of the City Utility Crew removed the large Douglas Fir tree along East Main Street in Coiner Park. The tree developed rot in the top of the tree where it was damaged by a former snow or wind break. Over time the rot had worked its way down to the base of the tree. The tree was also burnt this past summer when the home across the street burned down.



The City had two tree professionals look at the tree and both recommended removing the tree as soon as possible. The attached picture shows the extent of the rot. The age of the tree was determined to be at least 180 years old by counting the growth rings.

It's hard to see the tree come down as it has been a prominent tree along Main Street since before the City was established. The Urban Forestry Committee will be planting a Hiroshima Ginkgo Peace Tree in the Douglas Fir tree's place on February 17th at 11:00 am.

Cottage Grove Police Officers Selected for Lane County Sheriff's SWAT Team

Earlier this week, Lane County Sheriff's Office announced that Officer Josh Dumas and Officer Harry Sullivan have been invited to join the Lane County Sheriff's SWAT Team. Both Sullivan and Dumas went through the testing process in order to qualify as a candidate for this important team. Congratulations to them both.

Cottage Grove Historical Society Program

The Cottage Grove Historical Society program is Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 am at the Cottage Grove Community Center. Len Blackstone will be talking about the Bank Building. The presentation is open to the public and refreshments will be available. There will also be a tour of the refurbished historic building after the program.

Grief Support

Free Grief Support Group is offered at the Cottage Grove Community Center on Tuesday, January 21st at 1:30 pm in the Activity Room.

Quote of the Week

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

~Martin Luther King Jr.~